The sale of Timber in Vellani.

12. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether tenders were called for sale of timber in Vellani ;

(b) the names of tenderers with rates ;

(c) any special concession has been granted to the present contractor, and if so, the circumstances which led to it ;

(d) whether sawing has been allowed to any contractor or contractors inside the Reserve Forests, and if so, their names with periods ;

(e) whether the Vellani contractor has been allowed to collect teak from outside the Vellani coupe, and if so, the quantity and the rate ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Only one tenderer, K. G, Ponnappa Nadar, Re. 1-1-0 a candy.

(c) None granted.

(d) Yes ; Messrs. R. Viswanathan Chetti and K. G. Ponnappa Nadar, since their coupe works began in 1102.

(e) Not allowed.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is this a special concession which is allowed to no other contractor in the whole State ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—He is one of the contractors to whom it is allowed. He is not the only man.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The question asked is whether sawing has been allowed to contractors in the reserved forests. Is this not a concession ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it allowed to any other contractor ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—To one more.

President.—He asks whether other contractors asked for this concession and whether it was allowed.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was it allowed to all contractors who asked for concession ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Am I to understand that no other contractor has asked for sawing ?

President.—It necessarily follows from the answer that nobody can have asked for this concession.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Am I to understand then that nobody has been refused this concession ?

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President.—Yes. Any specific instance in which it was and for refused?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar. No.

Tenders for the Chirakkal Bridge.

13. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the principle on which tenders are accepted by the Public Works Department;

(b) the names of the tenderers for the Chirakkal bridge with the rates of each;

(c) whether the tender finally accepted by the Government was the lowest; if so, the rates thereof with the name of the tenderer?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Tenders are accepted by the Public Works Department under the provisions of Article 98, *the P. W. Code*.

(b)

1.	K. V. Inasu ..	12¾%	less than estimated rates
2.	M. L. Ouseph ..	9¾%	do
3.	A. S. Mahadeva Ayyar	5 %	do
4.	C. D. Chakku ..	6¼ %	do
5.	K. V. Chakku ..	7¾ %	do
6.	Naicken Govindan Raman ..	8½%	less than estimated rates
7.	N. O. Inasu ..	7%	do
8.	Francis Menacheri ..	Estimated rates	
9.	V. K. Narayanan Ezhuttassan ..	5%	less

(c) Mr. N. O. Inasu's tender at 7% less was accepted. His tender was the lowest among those who had experience of bridge works.

Groynes in the Kurumali River.

14. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the amount sanctioned for putting up groynes at Adilakuzhi in the Kurumali river;

(b) the exact objects for which they are put;

(c) whether any of them gave way; if so, the loss sustained by Government on that account?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Rs. 6,200.

(b) For the protection of the river embankment at Adilakuzhi curve adjoining the Chalakkudi road. It may be said that breaches to this curve have to be prevented to ensure safety to the road and the Railway line.

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